

HR 4883

Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Public Lands and Natural Resources

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: AK • Chamber: House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Hansen, James V. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jun 6, 2002
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 20, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Public Lands and Natural Resources

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002 - **Title I: NOAA Hydrographic Services Improvement** - Amends the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to direct the Secretary of Commerce to design, install, maintain, and operate real-time hydrographic monitoring systems to enhance navigation safety and efficiency. (Current law authorizes the design and installation where appropriate of Physical Oceanographic Real-Time Systems to enhance navigation safety and efficiency.) Authorizes the Secretary to use hydrographic data to support the conservation and management of coastal and ocean resources where such action does not interfere with safe and efficient navigation.

(Sec. 104) Requires the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrator within two years of enactment (currently, authorizes and does not specify a time frame), subject to availability of appropriations, to develop and implement a quality assurance program under which hydrographic products may be certified. Directs the Administrator, to the maximum extent practicable, to assure that international organizations and agreements to which the United States is a party which affect hydrographic products and nautical charts accept or recognize hydrographic products certified by the Administrator.

(Sec. 105) Establishes the Hydrographic Services Review Panel to advise the Administrator on appropriate matters such as hydrographic data and navigation services.

(Sec. 106) Requires the Administrator to submit to Congress a plan for increasing contracting with the private sector for various geospatial reference services related to hydrographic data acquisition or hydrographic services activities performed by the National Ocean Service.

(Sec. 107) Authorizes appropriations through FY 2007.

Title II: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officers Corps Act of 2002 - **Subtitle A: General Provisions** - Establishes within the NOAA a commissioned officer corps (the "corps").

(Sec. 213) Requires the annual strength of the corps' officers on active duty to be prescribed by law and the Secretary to keep a list of active officers.

(Sec. 215) Authorizes appropriations through FY 2008.

Subtitle B: Appointment and Promotion of Officers - Sets forth rules for the appointment and promotion of corps officers, including temporary appointments and promotions.

Subtitle C: Separation and Retirement of Officers - Delineates rules for involuntary retirement of officers and retirement for age and length of service.

Subtitle D: Service of Officers With the Military Departments - Permits the President to transfer NOAA vessels, equipment, stations and officers to a military department in times of emergency, and prescribes rules for such cooperation.

Subtitle E: Rights and Benefits - Applies certain specified provisions of Federal law pertaining to the Armed Forces to the corps, including ones dealing with leave, retirement or separation for physical disability, and computation of retired pay. Specifies provisions under which active service corps officers shall be considered active military service for the purposes of all rights, privileges, immunities, and benefits. Provides for use of appropriated funds for: (1) transportation of

the effects of deceased officers; and (2) reimbursement for supplies furnished by officers to distressed and shipwrecked persons. Prescribes that a U.S. flag be given to active commissioned officers upon retirement, except to individuals who already received a U.S. flag for retirement under this Act or any other provision of law.

Subtitle F: Repeals and Conforming Amendments - Sets forth repeals and conforming amendments.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2002:** Signed by President.
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- **Dec 19, 2002:** Became Public Law No: 107-372.
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- **Dec 9, 2002:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 21, 2002:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Nov 20, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11797-11799)
- **Nov 20, 2002:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S11797-11799)
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Mr. Hansen asked unanimous consent to consider in the House.
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Considered by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR 11/14/2002 H8881-8889; text of measure as introduced: CR 11/14/2002 H8881-8882)
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed without objection.
- **Nov 15, 2002:** On passage Passed without objection.
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 15, 2002:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Jul 26, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Resources. H. Rept. 107-621.
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- **Jul 26, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 372.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Executive Comment Received from Commerce.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 20, 2002:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 20, 2002:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 20, 2002:** Provisions of H.R. 4882 Incorporated into H.R. 4883 (Title II).
- **Jun 11, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans.
- **Jun 6, 2002:** Introduced in House
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